

Building a Better Community

Catholic Charities, Inc., Immigration Clinic

200 North Congress St. Ste. 100
Jackson, MS 39201

What is happening?

**MEXICAN MOBILE CONSULATE
in Madison, MS
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Visiting communities

The Immigration Clinic will have remote clinics in

Hazlehurst, MS.

Tuesday, **July 1 and 15, 2008.**
8:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.

Saint Martin Catholic Church, Event Center
Corner Conway and Haley
Hazlehurst, MS 39083

ALSO

Greenwood, MS

Sunday, **July 20, 2008.**
8:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.

Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
2613 Highway 82 East
Greenwood, MS 38930

For **appointments**, please, call
Kristy Zuniga at 601 326-3738

For more information, please, call 601 948-2635



**SAVE THE
DATE!**

2ND Annual Justice Cup
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September 13, 2008

For more information on how to participate, register your team, make a donation or sponsor this event, please, contact:

Julieta Mendez
601-326-3763

Birth Certificates for Children Born in Mississippi

There are many preparations to be made when you await the birth of a baby -the cradle, the diapers, the toys, etc. But the preparation for the Birth Certificate is easy when the necessary time is set aside. If Mom has a natural childbirth, she will have only two (2) days to register the child's birth. So it is important that you have all of your information ready when you go to the hospital.

What to Take to the Hospital

At least one month before the due date for the birth of the baby, make sure to have the following items prepared:

- * Birth certificate of the father and/or the mother with translation in English, if they are in another language
- * The complete name of the child (first name, middle name and last name)
- * A photo identification of the mother and/or the father (for example, passport, driver's license)
- * A friend who can serve as your interpreter with the hospital worker in case you do not speak good English or the hospital does not have a translator.

With the preceding list, you shall be able to avoid annoyance, bad communication with English-speakers, court or attorney's expenses and mainly, the waste of time that you would prefer to spend with your newborn.

The Child's Name

According to regulations of the Department of Health of Mississippi, like in most of the states, the child only takes the last name of the father. It is not like in certain Latin American countries that a child also takes the last name of the mother. Because many Latin American countries recognize the American custom only to use one last name, there should be no conflict with those countries that recognize dual citizenship. But you should check with the consulate of your country.

In spite of this, if the parents wish that the child have both last names, then they can do so on the form that is filled out at the hospital. In this case, you should use a hyphen (-) between both last names to avoid confusion (for example, Doe-Smith).

According to current regulations, if the mother is not legally married, pursuant to U.S. state laws or the laws of the parents' country of origin, or if the father is not present at the time of registering the child, then the child shall only take the mother's last name. If the father decides to recognize the child legally after days, weeks or months pass, both will have to go to the Department of Health to request an "Acknowledgement of Paternity." This will need to be signed in front of a notary of the State of the Mississippi.

At the end of the registration of your child, the hospital will ask you to sign the birth certificate certifying that all the information contained in the Act is correct. It is very important to focus on the details. If the information is not correct, do not sign and make sure to request that the necessary change be made at the hospital.

When you receive the birth certificate of your newborn in the mail, review the information again. If it still has errors, then you will have to request an "Affidavit" from the Department of Health to carry out the necessary changes. The Department of Health will only give you one opportunity to make the corrections via "Affidavit". After this, the only option available to make additional changes is to petition the court. So remember, the best way to correct the birth certificates is to make the necessary preparations before the child is born.

The American passport

The Passport Services Office provides information and services to American citizens about how to obtain, replace or change a passport.

A passport is an internationally recognized travel document that verifies the identity and nationality of the bearer. A valid U.S. passport is required to enter and leave most foreign countries. Only the U.S. Department of State has the authority to grant, issue or verify United States passports.

You need to apply in person if you are applying for a U.S. passport for the first time in one of the facilities such as many Federal, state and probate courts, post offices, some public libraries and a number of county and municipal offices.

If you are renewing it can be by mail if: Your most recent passport is available to submit and it is not damaged; you were over age 16 when it was issued; you still have the same name, or can legally document your name change. If your passport has been, altered or damaged, you cannot apply by mail. You must apply in person.

These are the facilities in the state of Mississippi:

Facility Name	Street Address	City	State	ZIP Code	Phone
Jackson, MS Post Office	400 E. South St. # 301	Jackson	MS	39201	(601) 351-7128
Batesville, MS Post Office	375 Lakewood Dr.	Batesville	MS	38606	(662) 563-4001
Bay St. Luis, MS Post Office	1200 Hwy. 90	Bay St. Louis	MS	39520	(228) 466-3902
Biloxi NorthBay Post Office	356 Ginger Dr.	D'Iberville	MS	39540	(228) 392-7210
Boonville, MS Post Office	515 N.2ND. ST.	Booneville	MS	38829	(662) 728-5470
Brandon Reservoir Station	610 Grants Ferry Rd	Brandon	MS	39047	(601) 992-6874
Brandon, MS Post Office	1252 W Government St.	Brandon	MS	39042	(601) 825-8848
Brookhaven West Station	407 Brookhaven ST.	Brookhaven	MS	39601	(601) 835-2352
Clerk of Chancery Court Choctaw County	112 East Quinn	Ackerman	MS	39735	(601) 285-6329
Clerk Chancery Court Clay County	205 Court Street	West Point	MS	39773	(601) 494-3124
Clerk of Chancery Court Coahoma County	115 First St. Coahoma County Courthouse	Clarksdale	MS	38614	(662) 624-3000
Clerk of Chancery Court Desoto County	2535 Hwy. 51 South	Hernando	MS	38632	(601) 429-1320
Clerk of Chancery Court Grenada County	59 Green Street	Grenada	MS	38901	(601) 226-1721
Clerk of Chancery Court Holmes County	2 Court Sq.	Lexington	MS	39095	(601) 834-2508
Clerk of Chancery Court Itawamba County	201 W. Main	Fulton	MS	38843	(601) 862-3421
Clerk of Chancery Court Lee County	200 Jefferson St.	Tupelo	MS	38802	(662) 841-9100
Clerk of Chancery Court Leflore County	310 W. Market St.	Greenwood	MS	38935	(601) 455-7911
Clerk of Chancery Court Lowndes County	515 2nd Ave. N	Columbus	MS	39703	(601) 329-5800
Clerk of Chancery Court Monroe County	201 W. Commerce St.	Aberdeen	MS	39730	(601) 369-8143
Clerk of Chancery Court Montgomery County	Summit St	Winona	MS	38967	(662) 283-2333
Clerk of Circuit Court Adams County	115 S. Wall St.	Natchez	MS	39120	(601) 446-6326

For minors

When you apply in person for your child's passport you must provide a form DS-11 *Application for Passport*. This form does not be signed until the Passport Acceptance Agent instructs you to do so.

Present proof of U.S. Citizenship such as certified birth certificate by the city, county or state. Please note that some short (abstract) versions of birth certificates may not be acceptable for passport purposes.

The citizenship evidence submitted for minors under the age of 16 must list both parents' names. You may prove your identity with any one of these, if you are recognizable:

Previous U.S. passport (mutilated, altered, or damaged passports are not acceptable as proof of identity.)
 Naturalization Certificate, Current, valid American Driver's license (No international or foreign), Government ID: city, state or federal, Military ID: military and dependents.

Social Security card can not be taken as a prove of ID. If none of these are available, you will need some signature documents, not acceptable alone as ID (ex: a combination of documents, such as your Social Security card, credit card, bank card, library card, etc.), and A person who can vouch for you. He/she must have known you for at least 2 years, be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, have valid ID, and Fill out a Form DS-71 in the presence of a passport agent.

Either parents or legal guardians must present evidence of identity when they apply for a minor under the age of 16. For security reasons, parental consent may be requested. If your child does not have identification of his/her own, you need to accompany your child, present identification and co-sign the application.

You will need to provide two front identical color passport photos 2x2 inches in size taken within the past 6 months, showing current appearance.

Finally, pay the Applicable Fee.

For more information please, contact our clinic 601 948-2635

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FAMILY-SPONSORED PREFERENCES

- 1st:** Unmarried Sons and Daughters of Citizens.
- 2 A:** Spouses and unmarried children (under 21 years old) of Permanent Residents.
- 2 B:** Unmarried sons and daughters (21 years of age or older) of Permanent Residents.
- 3rd:** Married sons and daughters of American citizens.
- 4th:** Brothers and sisters of adult American citizens.

Family	All Charge-ability Areas Except Those Listed	CHINA-mainland born	INDIA	MEXICO	PHILIPPINES
1st	08MAR02	08MAR0	08MAR02	08JUL92	15MAR93
2A	08JUN03	08JUN03	08JUN03	01MAY02	08JUN03
2B	01JUN99	01JUN99	01JUN99	01APR92	15FEB97
3rd	08JUN00	08JUN00	08JUN00	22JUL92	01APR91
4th	08AUG97	15JAN97	01JAN97	15DEC94	08MAR86

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JULY 19TH AND 20TH, 2008

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH
 4000 WEST TIDEWATER LANE
 MADISON, MS 39110

USE MEXITEL TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT
 1-877-639-4835

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